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Utah extends tax filing deadline one day

The IRS announced a one-day extension for filing federal returns due to computer problems at the IRS. Similarly, the Utah State Tax Commission announced that it will allow an additional day for taxpayers to file and pay their 2017 state income taxes.

Taxpayers will have until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, to both pay and file their state returns without penalty.

In making this announcement, Chairman John Valentine of the Tax Commission said, "By state statue, Utah recognizes the filing date of the federal government for filing state income tax returns. This extension is consistent with that statutory direction and recognizes the burden on taxpayers if the two systems have different filing deadlines."

The IRS announcement further clarifies that its system is now working and taxpayers are encouraged to file their tax returns this evening, whether electronically or on paper. No computer issues have been reported on the Utah system.

Taxpayers are reminded that under both the federal system and the Utah State system, automatic six-month extensions are available for taxpayers who need additional time to file a return, but payment of tax will still be required to be made by Wednesday night to avoid a penalty.

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